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1. Troop trains loaded for Altengrabow at the Brandenburg railroad station included a train of 7 RRY-type flatcars, 11 flatcars with sideracks, and 7 boxcars, with about 200 troops and an undetermined number of prime movers and gun-barrel trailers, on 18 May 1953; and a train of 28 flatcars with sideracks with 31 trucks, 8 tank trucks with trailers, 4 jeeps and 3 heavy prime movers, [REDACTED] on 20 May.

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2. Prior to 17 May, the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne in Brandenburg was fully lighted at dusk and, beginning 18 May, it was only partially lighted. On 18 May, the following materiel from the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne was entrained for Altengrabow at the railroad station: 2 x 203-mm artillery pieces, 7 prime movers, in-

3. On 18 May, troops and materiel from the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne entrained at the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station included 3 x 203-mm howitzers, 2 x 152-mm field howitzers, 2 x 37-mm AA guns, at least 6 prime movers, 10 to 12 trucks; and about 50 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

4. Prior to 15 May, the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne was occupied to capacity by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. The howitzers were still in the installation and, since recently, two 57-mm AT guns were almost daily observed leaving the installation. Vehicles and troops leaving the installation on 14 May included 3 prime movers, each towing a gun barrel trailer; 3 prime movers, each towing a gun carriage; 3 prime movers, each towing a trailer; and 13 trucks, including one with 4 windows on each side; and a sedan, occupied by a total of 28 officers, 170 EM and 6 women, at 5:45 p.m.; and 3 prime movers, each towing a gun barrel trailer; 3 prime movers, each towing 1 gun carriage; 3 prime movers, each towing a trailer; and 5 trucks, occupied by troops, at 6:45 p.m. The prime movers

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1. Comment: The entraining involved elements of the 124th HV How Arty Brig (US) and corresponds to observations in 1952, according to which, also beginning in mid-May, the brigade, presumably on battery level, continually conducted firing practices at Altengrabow. It is believed that only individual 122-mm or 152-mm howitzers are assigned to the brigade for training purposes. See
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